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PALESTINE TURMOIL

Govt. Wants British To Leave By First Week In April

London, Jan. 16.—The Palestine government has recommended that British surrender the Holy Land mandate six weeks earlier than the planned date of May 15, authoritative Whitehall sources reported on Thursday.

British administrators in Jerusalem fear that the whole machine of civil government may collapse completely well before May 15 because of continuing Arab and Jewish strife, the sources disclosed.

They added that half the Palestine government's 32 departments have already been immobilised for weeks at a time owing to the communal fighting; and that less than one month's supply remained of certain types of fuel oils essential for transport because of the massacres of Jewish workers at the Haifa refineries.

The British Foreign Office tentatively declined to comment on Thursday on the Arab League's recommendations for full-scale occupation of Palestine by the armies of its member nations just as soon as the British leave the Holy Land.

A spokesman also declined to say whether the decision would affect the sale of British arms to the Arab countries. He attributed his reluctance to comment to the fact that the British government has not yet received an official account of the league's recommendations.—Associated Press.

NO U.S. TROOPS

Washington, Jan. 15.—President Harry Truman said today, today, he does not contemplate sending any American troops to Palestine. He has not thought of such action, he told a news conference when a reporter asked a direct question.

Some time in the future, Mr. Truman added, the United Nations probably will have an international peace force for use in enforcing United Nations mandates.

He declined to comment when asked about the re-opening of an American air base in Tripoli.

The question of troops going to Palestine has come in for speculation as a result of the growing clashes between Jew and Arab there.

At the State Department it was learned that American diplomats abroad have been advised that the United States policy is to leave to the United Nations the problem of enforcing the partition of Palestine.—Associated Press.

ARCHBISHOP'S VIEW

York, Jan. 16.—The archbishop of York, Dr. E. F. Garbett, said on Thursday that the streets of

Jerusalem "will run with blood" if the city is not placed under international control immediately after withdrawal of British forces.

He told a special Northern province convention of the Church of England that this must be done to safeguard the holy places.

The archbishop referred to Jewish claims that the newer part of Jerusalem would be included in the Jewish state.

"We all have deep sympathy with the Jews," he said in a prepared address "in the appalling sufferings which fell upon them. We have a horror of anti-semitism which is irrational and cowardly but sympathy with the persecuted Jews must not prevent us from demanding in the most uncompromising terms that both Christians and the holy places shall be adequately protected."

To this end the archbishop said there were three requests which Christians had to make.

First—that in the Jewish and Arab states there should be complete religious freedom.

"Second—that the whole of Jerusalem, both the ancient and the modern and its immediate environment should be placed under international control. Only by so doing could the Christians keep the holy places under secure protection."

Third—"We must ask that when Great Britain withdraws Jerusalem should be placed at once under international control with an international police force for its protection."—Associated Press.

Head-On Train Smash

Little Rock, Arkansas, Jan. 15.—At least two people were killed and five injured when two Long Island railroad passenger and freight trains, a goods train, collided head-on near Little Rock, Arkansas early today.—Reuter.

Jewish Plane Fires On RAF Aircraft: Bank Robbery

Jerusalem, Jan. 15.—A Jewish plane fired on a Royal Air Force aircraft over the Hebron area, it was officially reported today.

The official report explained that a British military reconnaissance plane operating over the Hebron area spotted a strange plane, believed to be Jewish, dropping messages over the Kfar and Zion settlement today and when the military plane swooped down it was fired on by the unknown plane. The military plane did not return the fire, the report added.

Another report states that five armed men held up the Ottoman Bank in Nablus, Arab Palestine's northern "capital"—at gunpoint today but met with a blank refusal by the manager to hand over the keys of the bank safe.

The robbers then grabbed loose cash from the cashier's till.

As they burst out of the bank firing shots in the air they were surrounded by a crowd of Arabs who caught two and turned them over to the police.

Arab guerrillas officially described as "a large band" held up a goods train in northern Palestine, near Haifa, early today and looted the trainload of cement, the police said.

SETTLEMENTS BATTLE
Meanwhile, the "battle of the settlements" flared up throughout Palestine today when 100 armed Arab hillmen made a dawn attack on the Jewish settlement of Nave Gilan, 15 miles west of Jerusalem, which was built recently

by Jews who fought with the French Maquis during the war.

The continuation of this type of attack has shown the Arabs' general plan of campaign and that their guerrilla bands "hit and run" tactics are now giving way to large-scale planned attacks on scattered Jewish settlements.

Although Arab leaders in the Arab Higher Committee have been urging the fighting groups to have patience until supplies of standardised arms arrive from neighbouring Arab states, and army trained officers and experienced guerrilla leaders move in to take up their Palestine "Commandos," large bodies of armed Arabs, who have been training in the mountain strongholds, have formed a form of Red Indian warfare designed to wipe out Jewish colonies in secluded parts of the country.

JUST A PRELUDE
The mounting intensity and the weight of the Arab blows against the settlements, coupled with the strength of the Jewish firepower from behind fortified positions covering colony perimeters, is a prelude to bigger battles—and the pattern the Jews likely to follow when the British withdraw from the strife-torn country.

The first change in the Arab tactics was when up to 600 well-armed Arabs rushed down from the Syrian Hills and over the Palestine border to attack two lonely Jewish colonies in Upper Galilee last Friday, and were only forced back from fire from British troops with two-pounder guns and mortars.

British troops in tanks and RAF pilots in Spitfires today kept watch on Jewish settlements in the Hebron Hills, south of Jerusalem, ready to foil Arab attempts to renew the attacks made there yesterday by the largest organised Arab force yet seen in the Palestine fight.

All traffic came to a standstill in Haifa today as Arab-Jewish communal strife flared up and Jewish and Arab gunmen forced buses, taxis and civilians from the streets, virtually paralysing life in this seaport city.

SHOPS CLOSE DOWN
All shops and Government offices, including the Post Office, closed down as Jews and Arabs battled for control of the mountain road leading from Haifa's Jewish quarter, Hadar Haacram, to the main business centre, Kingsway.

Wounded Jews who were brought out today by a British army ambulance from one of the four Hebron area settlements after yesterday's battle and rushed to hospital in Jerusalem, said that British army Bren carriers had entered the settlement at noon today. The wounded men said the Arabs had withdrawn. Hagana claims to have killed over 100 Arabs, saying the corpses of between 30 and 40 Arabs were found and only three Jews were killed and 12 wounded.

The Jewish settlers said the attack was expected and all women and children had been evacuated a fortnight ago and the settlement approaches mined.

Late reports state that British army security officers at the Tel-Aviv civil airport tonight found a monoplane bearing the same markings as the aircraft officially reported to have fired on the British military plane patrolling the Hebron area today.

No sign of ammunition or guns was found on the plane, which was reported to have been shot down today and to have dropped messages to Jewish settlers and beleaguered Arabs in the Hebron area.

A Tel-Aviv report tonight said the Jewish police chief of Tel-Aviv had been ordered by the British authorities to question Lydda for an inquiry into the aircraft incident.

The bandits who robbed the Ottoman Bank in Nablus today shot and killed two Arabs as they fled and got away with between £300 and £400, a late police bulletin said today.

The police report added that a British soldier was shot dead by unknown gunmen in Tel-Aviv today.—Reuter.

CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT

Indonesia Truce To Be Signed

Batavia, Jan. 15.—The Indonesian Republican Government accepted today the latest Dutch and United Nations Security Council proposals for a cease-fire agreement and agreed to number the political principles for a substantive settlement of the Indonesian dispute, the Jorjakarta Radio reported tonight.

The Radio also announced the withdrawal of the Moslem (Masjumi) Party from the Indonesian Cabinet and said Dr. Samudjita, the Vice Premier, and Mohammed Roem, Minister of the Interior, would resign following the Moslem Party's withdrawal.

The Masjumi is the biggest Indonesian Republican Party claiming membership of 10,000,000.

SIGNING ON SATURDAY
An interim cease-fire between the Dutch and Indonesian Republicans in Java is expected to be agreed upon tomorrow and a truce agreement signed on Saturday.

This was reliably reported here today after members of the Republican delegation to the cease-fire talks with military advisers of the Security Council's good offices committee who returned by plane from Jorjakarta, the Indonesian capital.

They refused to confirm or deny reports that the Republican Government had today decided to accept the latest proposals for a truce and political principles for a substantive settlement in Indonesia.—Reuter.

Bing To Make British Film

Southampton, Jan. 15.—Bing Crosby is going to London this summer to make a film in which he will sing all the old English songs. This will be his first British picture and he will be the only non-British actor in the cast.

This news was given today by film director Wesley Ruggles who arrived here in the Queen Elizabeth from New York.

Film star Paulette Goddard who also arrived today in the Queen Elizabeth with her husband Burgess Meredith, plans to distribute to needy British children about five tons of food parcels from American children.

Parcels are reaching Britain at the rate of 10,000 weekly. Miss Goddard proposes to visit France and Italy before returning to America.

Meredith Burgess will work in a British film, "A Yank Returns to Britain."—Reuter.

Special Race Editions

During the Hongkong Jockey Club's 1948 Spring racing carnival, the Telegraph will be publishing special race editions. These will appear tomorrow, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday week.

Results and cash sweeps for the first six races will be given, and the special edition is expected to be on the streets each day at 3.45 p.m.

On Monday the result of the Hongkong Derby as well as the full draw for the big sweepstake will be published as soon after the race as possible.

PRAYERS FOR GANDHI

Increased Weakness

New Delhi, Jan. 15.—Doctors reported this afternoon that Mahatma Gandhi who is fasting was "naturally losing weight and his weakness had considerably increased."

Mr. Gandhi had to be carried out of his bathroom in a chair this morning. The report added that he was still able to drink plain hot water.

Meanwhile, in London, prayers for Mr. Gandhi in which all London Indians—Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs—have been invited to take part, will be offered daily at India House as from tomorrow during the period of his fast.

The prayer meeting will be held in a room where his portrait hangs.

The decision was taken after a petition signed by 50 prominent Indians representing all political and non-political Indian organisations in London had been handed to the Deputy High Commissioner for India, Mr. R. S. Mani, by Mr. S. Kabani, President of the Indian Journalists Association, and Mr. K. J. Jale, Secretary of the Swarni House.

TEXT OF PETITION

The petition said: "We, Indian nationals in Great Britain are greatly distressed that the father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi, has embarked upon a fast for the purpose of ensuring communal accord in our Motherland.

"We take the view that every step should be taken to establish peace and tranquillity in our Motherland.

"One of the steps that is essential for this purpose is that the Mahatma should be spared for our nation.

"We therefore desire that national prayers for his long life should be said in London during the period of his fast. We believe that India House will be the appropriate centre for Indian nationals to gather together every afternoon for such prayers."—Reuter.

PEACE RALLY

New Delhi, Jan. 15.—Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, told a peace rally attended by 10,000 people here today, "disapprove of this talk of war between two dominions," of India and Pakistan.

"In my opinion there is no immediate possibility of such a war though as a Government we are prepared for all eventualities."

"Even if there is a war I assure you that not a single soldier will be able to enter our territory."—Reuter.

India's 6,000-Word Complaint Against Pakistan

Lake Success, Jan. 15.—After hearing a 6,000 word complaint that the Dominion of Pakistan was at no time willing to do anything to stop the raiders of Kashmir State from using Pakistan territory, the United Nations Security Council adjourned further consideration of the dispute until tomorrow at the request of Sir Zafrullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister.

In making his request for an adjournment of the debate, Sir Zafrullah said the picture did not appear to him "in the same colours" as the Indian spokesman had painted.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Indian Minister without portfolio, complained that Pakistan's unwillingness to disassociate itself "openly and categorically" from the tribesmen who had invaded the State three months ago was the reason no agreement had been reached.

When the President of the Council, M. Fernand Van Langenhove, opened the debate, he invited Mr. Ayyangar and Sir Zafrullah to take their places at the semi-circular Council table and announced that he would give the floor successively to India and Pakistan.

The Ukraine was represented for the first time at the Council table by M. Maslitskiy Tarashenko and Britain's seat was occupied by Mr. Philip Noel Baker. The press gallery was well filled.

The delegation sat at each end of the Council's horseshoe table when Mr. Ayyangar began his 6,000-word speech.

Mr. Ayyangar began his address in slow but deliberate tones reading from the 27-page manuscript. Occasionally he would "look up" as if to emphasise a point.

MARGINAL NOTES

Most of the Council members had been provided with a copy of his speech and a number of marginal notes while Mr. Ayyangar presented India's case.

Sir Zafrullah did not wear the headphones which were provided for him but he carefully followed the speech in the manuscript.

The whole atmosphere in the Council Chamber was one of sober realism, giving the impression to onlookers that all concerned were fully conscious of the grave responsibility devolving on the United Nations.

M. Van Langenhove said, after the Indian statement had been made, that the Pakistan Foreign Minister had asked for delay before replying and it was therefore legitimate to accede to his request.

He would therefore propose to adjourn until 7.30 GMT tomorrow.

Sir Zafrullah Khan stated: "I have every desire to conform to the wishes of the Council in all respects,

which he was shot.

Police will ask continued detention of all suspects, principally Palace attendants. The identity of those held has not been disclosed.—Associated Press.

Meanwhile, professors of local universities are said to have sent a joint protest to the British authorities over the Kowloon incident and are expected to issue a statement on the case today.—Reuter.

YAP STRUCK BY TYPHOON

Pearl Harbour, Jan. 15.—A typhoon, which struck Yap on Wednesday morning, devastated that small island and destroyed all food except taro roots for its 3,000 inhabitants including 50 US Navy personnel, Naval Headquarters reported today.

There were no known casualties. Planes took off with relief supplies from Guam, some 500 miles northeast of Yap, but have not yet reported back.

The typhoon, third to strike Yap in two months, flattened power lines, and damaged or blew down every building on the island, the Navy said.—Associated Press.

more particularly with regard to procedure and the time table which the Council might wish to adopt in dealing with the matter."

After further discussion, in which Mr. Noel-Baker, the United Kingdom delegate, and Mr. Warren Austin, the United States member, joined, the President then adjourned the session until 7.30 p.m. GMT tomorrow.—Reuter.

Students' K'loon City Protest

TWO-DAY STRIKE

Shanghai, Jan. 16.—Although students of two universities—Chiao Tung and Tung Chi—have declared a two-day strike to protest against the Kowloon eviction case, the majority of the other educational institutions in Shanghai have decided not to take similar action.

They agreed, however, to send a joint petition to the National Government demanding protection of territorial sovereignty, the retrocession of Hong Kong and Kowloon, and the dispatch of Chinese troops to Kowloon to protect Chinese residents there.

It is reported that the students of Chiao Tung and Tung Chi Universities declared a strike after their request for holding a street demonstration with other students was rejected by the City authorities.

Chinese reports said several police and students were injured in a scuffle on the campus of Tung Chi University yesterday.

The City authorities are reported to be watching the student movement closely.

Meanwhile, professors of local universities are said to have sent a joint protest to the British authorities over the Kowloon incident and are expected to issue a statement on the case today.—Reuter.

IT WAS MURDER
Bangkok, Jan. 15.—Young King Ananda Mahidol's death in June 1946 was murder, the government radio announced tonight.

It said the gun found beside the body of the King in the Royal Palace was not the weapon with which he was shot.

Police will ask continued detention of all suspects, principally Palace attendants. The identity of those held has not been disclosed.—Associated Press.

Britain's Rationing Likely To Continue

Washington, Jan. 15.—The State Department forecast yesterday that Britain will remain on food, clothing and petrol rationing during and after the completion of the European recovery programme in June, 1952.

Making public new data on the Marshall Plan, the State Department said that Britain's gold and foreign resources now at about \$2,000,000,000 will go down to one half of that by the end of 1949, and that large dollar deficits will continue for several years thereafter.

However, the State Department said that Britain's overseas payments might be "approximately" in balance by 1952.

The new data covers export and import production and the political prospects of each country, including Western Germany, involved in the Marshall Plan.

It did not disclose what sums, and in what forms, American money would be allocated.

The State Department officials said they have tentatively decided to give outright grants to Greece and Austria; part grants, part credits to Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, and Iceland; loans to only Europe, Sweden and Norway, and to have Switzerland, Portugal, and Turkey pay for goods in cash.

In terms of calories Britain should have reached its prewar per capita food consumption level by 1952, although the quality of the diet will remain below the 1938 standard, the Department said.

Steel production should have reached a point in 1952 at which supplies of durable goods for domestic use will be approaching prewar levels, but accumulated demands, however, will mean a continued short supply, the Department added.

The Department forecast a continuation of almost all present controls, and hinted at a possible devaluation of the pound.

It declared: "In future the British Government should become

convinced that sterling is a devalued currency and that the present exchange rate is permanently and adversely affecting the balance of payments, or is otherwise causing serious difficulties, Britain will probably seek to make required adjustments in the rate of exchange, in co-operation with the International Monetary Fund."

Of the British political scene the State Department said the Conservatives "are now showing increased resources," and added that there was no basic difference of opinion between the Conservatives and the Labour Government on foreign policy.

It said there was a division in the Labour Party between those "who would move rapidly to the Left" and those who followed the "Leftist Left of the Centre course."

The political power of the British Communist Party was described as very small.

The importance of Britain's overseas dependencies in helping eventually to achieve a satisfactory balance of payments was emphasised.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

No Excuse For Second Best

ACCORDING to the Estimates, a broadcasting has been budgeted for a loss of little less than \$9,000 in the current financial year, the published figures showing revenue from wireless receiving licences at \$100,000 and expenditure for ZBW and ZEK at \$109,031. The expenditure, however, refers only to administrative and studio requirements. Costs for technical services are not shown and are presumably lumped together in general telecommunications expenditure. Only the actual figures as shown can therefore be taken into account, and when this is done there is every possibility that the broadcasting department will end the year with a surplus approaching \$150,000. This is a startling turnover, brought about by the unexpected increase in wireless receiving licence fees. The budget estimated that some 12,250 licences would be taken out during the year, but already the total has reached 23,000, and an average of 2,000 new licences are being issued every month. It is reasonable to anticipate that by the end of March there will be almost 30,000 licences in existence. Some of this surplus may have to be offset by provisions under the Salaries Commission recommendations, but even so there appears to be good prospects of the net excess of revenue over expenditure amounting to close on a lakh. What is going to happen to this money? Is it to be thrown into general revenue and lost for ever to the department which pro-

duced it? Or is it going to be reinvested for the purpose of bringing about some much needed improvements in our broadcasting services? The continuing barrier to development in our radio stations is said to be shortage of funds, which, it is supposed, means that the Treasury is not prepared to sanction any substantial expenditure over and above the annual Estimates. But surely, if a department, which is also an essential public service, can return a handsome surplus it is entitled to use that money for improving its own organisation? If the end of the current financial year reveals that 30,000 wireless receiving licences have been issued, it can safely be anticipated that in the following 12 months these will be increased by at least another 50 percent. From this source of revenue broadcasting can in the next financial year expect half a million dollars—a very tidy income which, used to its best advantage, can assist in bringing about vast improvements in ZBW and ZEK. There will be no excuse for refusing to put on early morning and other special sessions because the extra labour cannot be afforded; nor will there be any reason why ZBW, at least, should not employ one full-time experienced script writer; nor why the best available performers, both visiting and resident, should not be attracted to the Colony's microphone by the assurance of adequate fees. The best has to be paid for, and there appears to be no reason why, in the future, our radio stations should have to be content with nothing but second best.

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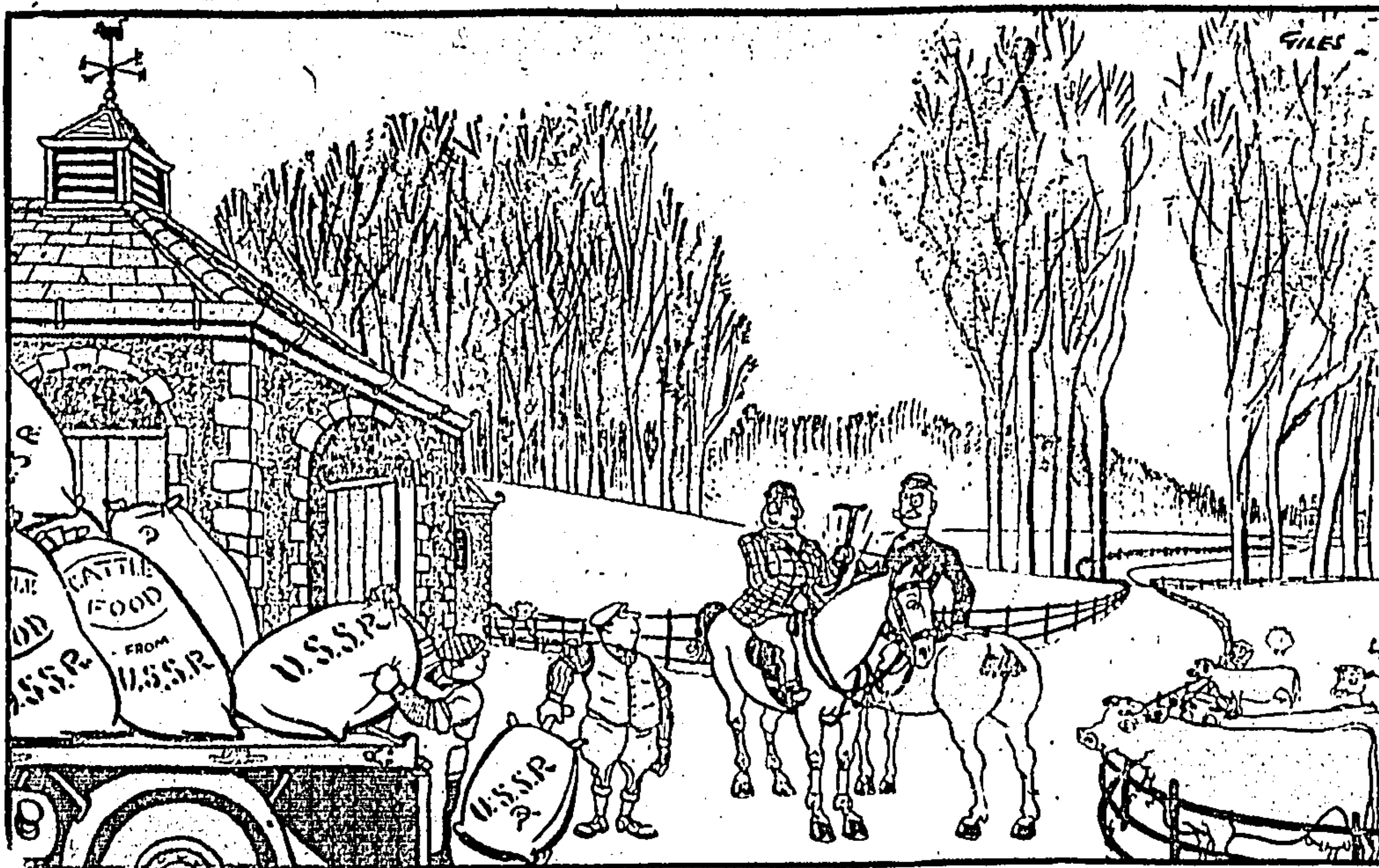
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WILLIAM BARKLEY

veteran Parliamentary reporter, blows the whistle for half-time in the House



LONDON, Dec. 30. It is not only the end of a year in Parliament. It is half-time.

This House of Commons has run half its course, since the election of July 1945. We cannot suffer it or enjoy it (according to which side of the fence you fall) more than another two and a half years.

What new talent has it thrown up? Considering the magnitude of the turn-over the turn-up is disappointing. I suppose by now we can assess it all.

I am cautioned by the reminder that Baldwin sat there obscure for seven years before being thrust into the highest places. Maybe some other leading actor now lurks unknown, but I cannot be asked to prognosticate on the basis of what is least likely.

What! Should I predict fame for a Scottish M.P. because he has never opened his mouth, or for some other who perhaps has rarely opened his eyes?

Forward move

On the Government back benches most of the men who made early good impressions have already moved forward—CALLAGHAN, JACK JONES, REES-WILLIAMS, DOUGLAS JAY—all in the Government.

Jay is famous not so much for speeches as for a newspaper article. He wrote last spring that the American Loan, which is now finishing, should last us until the end of the year after next. Foreigners might think this was hardly the best qualification for his new appointment as Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

How little they know us! It is the man who is right who is never forgiven in politics here. We like our idols to have feet of clay, and a bit of wood in the top storey seems to be no great disadvantage either.

CROSSMAN and RAYMOND BLACKBURN are notables who are at the present time misfiring, but they have independence and ability to be reckoned with.

I had thought this large new Socialist Party, with its many ramifications into the professional classes, would have given us more like them. But, of course, to a Government the best back benches is the one who keeps his lips pursed and his legs crossed save when voting.

It can put great restraints on its supporters on the plea of loyalty. This Government more than most suffers from lack of criticism, for the critics who are most useful are the candid friends who only try to be helpful.

Tory Governments always had their ginger groups, but it is regarded as trenchery for a Socialist to make public criticism of his own side. The movement under Zilliacus was crushed instantly when Ernest Bevin cried he was being stabbed in the back.

So the newcomers who have ambition to make a name for themselves must have noted with a pang that the best back-bench speech in this Parliament came from an old-timer.

That distinction I award without hesitation to 70-year-old RHYD DAVIES, 20 years an M.P., who challenged the direction of labour: "All tyrants from the Pharaohs to the Czars think they know what is good for the people. Better that this Government should meet its doom than that individual freedom should perish in the British Isles."

Previous Houses I have known all had an oracle—a Macaulay, a Wedgwood, a shrewd, clear, forceful fellow without any great desire for office but with a very

IF YOU DON'T KNOW THEM

THOMAS C. SKEFFINGTON-LODGE (Sec. Bedford), 42, bachelor, Westminster; formerly public relations, wartime naval officer. Christian Socialist, Fabian, traveller.

R. THOMAS PAGET (Sec. Northampton), Eton, Cambridge; wartime R.N.V.R., barrister.

KENNETH PICKTHORN (Tory, Cambridge University), 55, Aldenham, Cambridge; B.Litt. historian, history lecturer at Cambridge.

JOHN A. BOYD-CARPENTER (Tory, Kingston), 39, Stowe, Oxford; ex-British Guards, barrister.

M. CHRISTOPHER HOLLIS (Tory, Devizes), 45, Eton, Oxford; author, publisher, former economics lecturer, U.S.A.; wartime R.A.F.

FREDERICK J. ERROLL (Tory, Altrincham), 33, bachelor, Oundle, Cambridge; electrical engineer, wartime Tank Division.

NIGEL BIRCH (Tory Flint), 41, bachelor, Eton, retired from stock broking to devote whole time to politics.

strong desire to open his mind on the passing event."

He would rarely be orthodox. He would be generally concerned to get the 600-odd colleagues into step with himself. I see a few candidates for the post, but no one yet definitely in the running—RICHARD STOKES, SKEFFINGTON-LODGE PAGET.

To find the leader in the Oracle Stokes we must cross to the Tory side and light upon KENNETH PICKTHORN. He has the most penetrating wit in the House, but it is not attuned to modern requirements. He delivers long sentences to cars that are accustomed to them short. He uses big, accurate words where small and loose ones are the common currency.

He has recently been making much play with the omniscience of Plato. That is extremely witty indeed. Properly understood that word explains the whole British Constitution and all the terrors of bureaucracy and delegated legislation. But a word like omniscience is pretty certain to give a

NIGEL BIRCH has a descriptive name. His rapid, scornful sentences have a painful impact. HOLLIS by contrast is slow and rhythmic, but his humour can be devastating. CROSTHWAITE-EXRE has an impressive, disarming expression, but he has great tenacity; and out of careful preparation he can speak lucidly on complicated issues of trade and finance.

ERROLL romps in like a jolly boisterous schoolboy, beaming all over, but he is not deceived; he is widely informed and most accurate. POOLE is a serious-minded hard worker. The new has attractive and compelling representatives in MAUDE and FOSTER.

A diffident figure who is heard with increasing respect as he negotiates the alternative to the advertisement tax is PITMAN.

Dolphin-like

These fall to be added to the older boys who are well known. Of them I mention GURNEY BRAITHWAITE because I so like his style. He reminds me of dolphins, he comes up so clean and does not loiter aimlessly on the surface. And JOHNSON-HICKS, for saying a thing that everyone must envy, is contemplating the change which responsibility has wrought in Stafford Cripps he murmured: "Circumstances alter K. C."

So material is at hand for a fine Tory Second Eleven. They do not work sufficiently as a team. They should support one another more, and take a more decisive line on freedom incentives and Empire.

Especially Empire, which has long been one of the distinguishing badges of the Tory animal, and he risks losing it.

Each of four Socialists—FOL- LICK, HEWITSON, EVANS (Wendbury) and KINGHORN—has formed me privately in recent weeks that he is almost the only 100 per cent Empire-conscious M.P. in Parliament.

I am prepared to accept and print similar confidences from the remaining 636. It surely is the right policy. And whence it comes makes no odds to me, be it Tweedledum or Tweedledee.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

YOU would not expect to find trousers has not caught on, that less and less material is available for shirts, and so they are being made shorter. Very well. Think of the effect of a half-length shirt worn outside the waistcoat. It sounds odd, but it is only a matter of getting used to it, as the man said when he stirred his tea with his boot (Tomorrow: With Mrs. Rickthorpe to South Mimms—and Back.)

But the fuss about long skirts seems to have roused Cyclopean passions, and turned old minds to dress. For here is a Russian literary review pointing out that Mr Truman's trousers are two inches shorter than the fashionable length. My own ideological trousers have to be seen to be believed.

I see that some are prophesying the return of the Gibson Girl figure. If it brings back Leslie Stuart's song, "Why Do They Call Me A Gibson Girl?" I shall be contented. But there will never be another Camille Clifford.

S. O. W.

It has often been said that one of the reasons why the movement

ANNA and the KING of RUMANIA

By Gordon Sewell

TWO women—Anna the Communist and Anne the princess—stood between King Michael and his throne. The first is Rumania's most powerful opponent of monarchy; the second is the girl Michael wishes to marry.

ANNA PAUKER

SHE has been Foreign Minister of Rumania for nine weeks and ranks second only to Tito among Balkan Communists. Her creed denies all loves and loyalties except to the party. She is 55, the mother of one boy and two girls.

SHE is called "Tovarich Anna" by the Bucharest Communists, and is the daughter of a rabbi who fled to Rumania from a Polish pogrom early in the century.

SHE studied medicine, became a school teacher, switched to politics in 1921. Banning of the Communist Party in Rumania three years later sent Anna underground.

SHE married Communist writer Marcel Pauker while on a secret mission to Switzerland. She is a self-made widow, since she denounced her husband to the Soviet police as a Trotskyist during the war.

SHE spent several years with a Soviet trading mission in U.S.A. When smuggled into Rumania in 1935 she was arrested for subversive activities and sentenced to ten years' jail.

SHE was exchanged for a Besarabian patriot when the Russians seized that country in 1940. She became a Soviet citizen, returned to Rumania as a major in the Red Army four years later.

SHE is grey-haired, square-jawed, a mob-rousing orator. She champions the downtrodden ("our people are rotting because of malnutrition"), while living in a palatial villa. She rides in a limousine (bullet-proofed), and wears expensive tailor made dresses of drab colours.

SHE demanded "Death to Maniu" at the Peasant leader's trial in November. It was Maniu who championed her cause when political police kept her in prison without a trial.

SHE is the only woman who can speak to Stalin over the telephone any time she wants to.

SHE says, as Foreign Minister: "We are a free people, and we know how to make, others respect our independence," and "Rumania cannot afford royal weddings."

ANNE of Bourbon-Parma is tall, blonde, and 24, is a princess of one of the oldest families in Europe, and a former New York shop-girl.

SHE first met Michael in London when they attended the royal wedding. They are distant cousins. Both are great-grandchildren of King Christian IX, of Denmark.

SHE had a courtship in Switzerland lasting only a few days, championed by Michael's mother, who had accompanied the young king to London. On December 18 Anne left for her Copenhagen home; Michael returned to Bucharest.

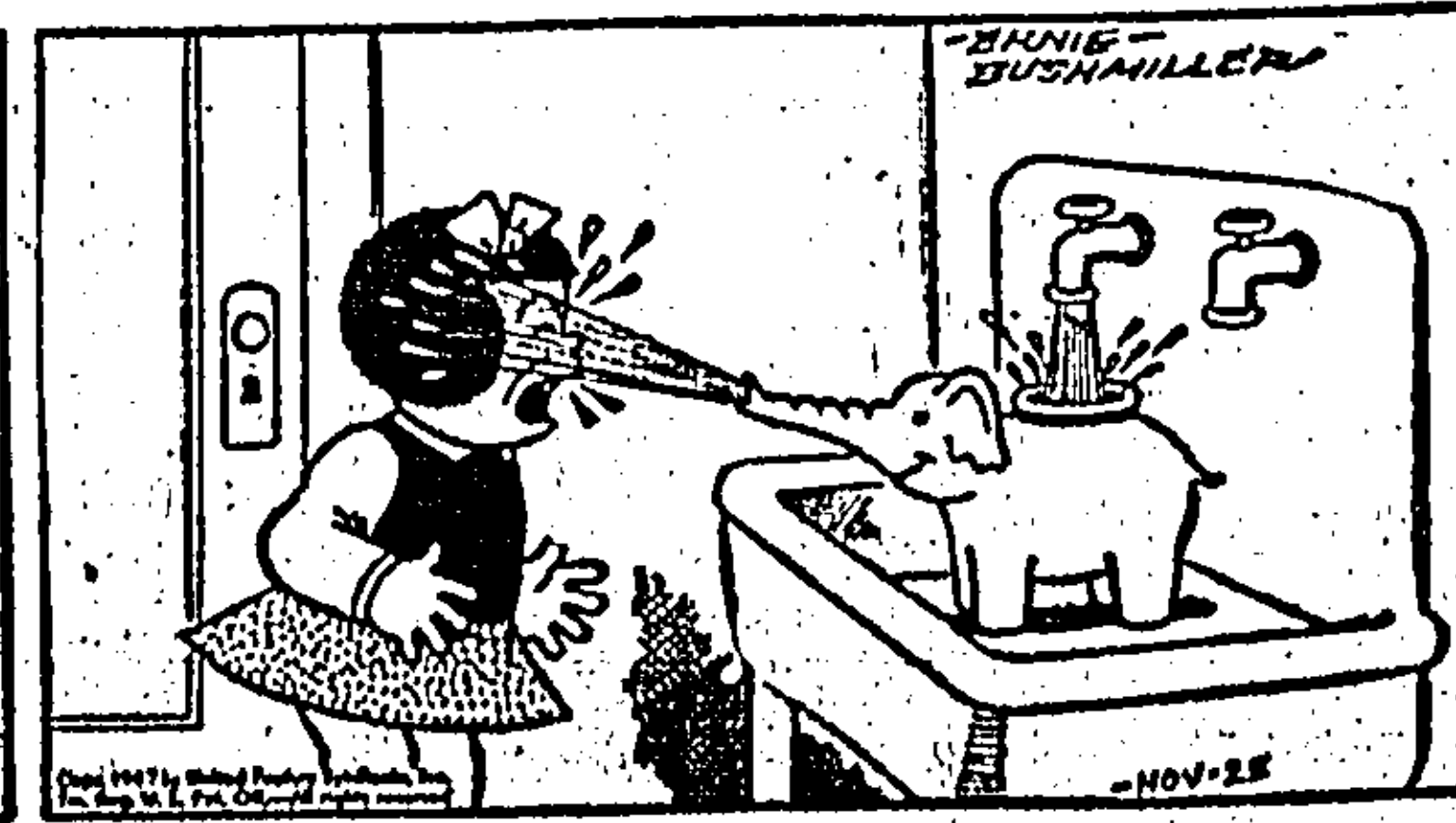
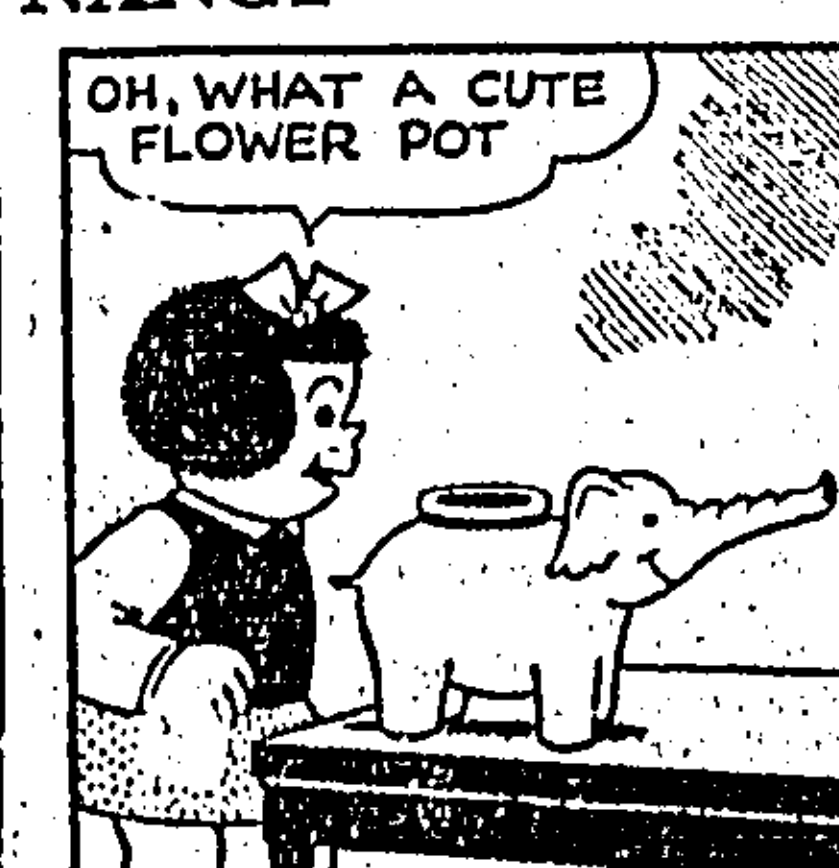
SHE speaks English and Danish, but her first language is French. (She reads detective novels in all three languages.)

SHE was a front-line worker for the French Red Cross until the fall of France; then she fled to the U.S.A., where her mother opened a millinery shop. Anne sold hats.

SHE is second cousin to Danish King Frederik, who will have to sanction her marriage.

* Bourbon-Parma family is Spanish branch of famous French Bourbon dynasty.

NANCY Spouting Off



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tion room she gets on a set where Cecil B. DeMille is shooting the picture "Unconquered." Knowing she'll be thrown out if discovered, Catherine seeks a way to sneak out.

(To be continued tomorrow)

A high-contrast, black and white portrait of a smiling woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a light-colored top. The image has a grainy, textured appearance.

Minute Makeups
by GABRIELLE



If you have been having your hair bleached or dyed, then think well before you decide to discontinue the dyeing. The growing-out stage is rather hard to take, but you can wear a wrapped turban until the natural colour returns.

"Tell Mr. Jones I'll pay him later—just remind him he was always out of meat during the war, and now I'm out of money."

Steelworkers' Contribution

The steelworkers of Wales are also making a special contribution towards industrial recovery. In the last half of 1947 Welsh steel output jumped up beyond immediate pre-war volume. The railwaymen's share in the production drive is a remarkable "speed the wagons" campaign. By volunteer overtime at week-ends Welsh railway staffs have quickened the flow of goods and minerals. Twenty-four hours

White, 7 pieces
White to play and mate in two
Solution to yesterday's
problem:
1. Kt-Q8, any; 2. Q, R, or K
mates.

Soon all the pals have seen the big new light and, leaving their own little fire, they go up a slope to get a better view. All at once Rupert pauses. "Bingo's secret hide-out is over there," he thinks. "I wonder if he is making that queer light. If so he won't want us butting in." He calls out to the others to try to call them back, but they are too excited by the blaze in the sky which keeps on changing colour, and they stumble straight towards it over the rough common.

Accuse

1. Declare. (10)
4. Official dwelling of a Govern-
ment officer in India. (10)
8. Title of the ruler of Baroda. (17)
10. It may become a Gitter. (18)
12. Ordain. (10)

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 4 Pass Pass Pass

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A vintage movie poster for the film "Yolanda and the Thief". The poster features caricature portraits of Lucille Ball and Fred Astaire. Lucille Ball is on the left, looking upwards with a hand to her face. Fred Astaire is on the right, smiling and wearing a bow tie. The background is a light, textured pattern. Text on the poster includes the phrase "It's got that falling-in-love feeling" in a script font at the top, "LUCILLE a new kind of love lines!" on the left, "ERED with a most eccentric" at the top right, and the title "YOLANDA and THE THIEF" in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says "Starring Fred Astaire Lucille Ball". At the bottom, there is a small illustration of a man in a tuxedo and a woman in a dress.

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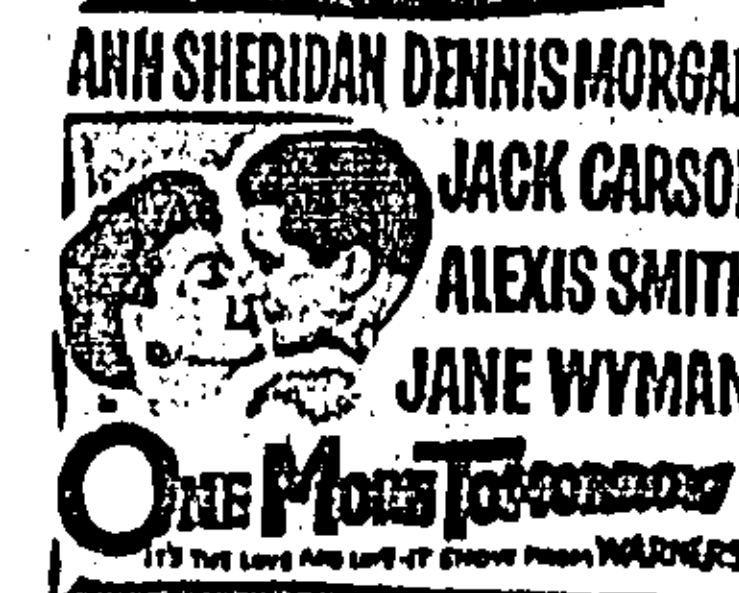
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Chinese To Lose Market Stalls In Manila City

One thousand one hundred market stalls now occupied by Chinese nationals will be raffled off to Filipino applicants, in Manila, according to an announcement by the Manila City Treasurer.

The City Treasurer said actually about 1,400 stalls were ordered to be vacated by the Department of Finance, but pointed out that only 1,100 will be ready for raffle.

He added that it is possible some other stalls may not have been recorded and that as soon as their availability is ascertained, these will also be duly disposed of.

Replying to a question on the possibility of the Chinese stallholders refusing to relinquish their stalls after adjudication, the official said the city will employ ejection measures.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the mythological character who holds the earth on his shoulders.
2. When were lenses discovered?
3. Name the independent Negro republic in Africa.
4. Where and what is the famous Latin Quarter?
5. Comparing the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, which is: (1) saltier, (2) bluer, (3) larger?
6. When did the Jewish nation cease to exist?

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